Medford Lodge No. 178 F. & A. M.

- Trestleboard -

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Grand Master of Masons of New Jersey M.W. Robert V. Monacelli





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Congratulations to our newest Master Masons. Bro. Chadwick, Bro. Mehta and Bro. VanSciver had the honor of being raised by the Masonic Kilties of NJ on 11/22/21

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Message from the East





Greetings Brethren,

As this will be my last Trestleboard, I wanted to pass on some practical, personal observations rather than cover some more academic "Masonic Light from the East".

Ever since being raised in 2013, I have heard frequent lamenting over the "decline" of Masonry. In fact, just recently two previously successful Lodges have closed, while a third went into closure discussions. All of these Lodges had a good number of members on the roll and plenty of funds in the bank (more on that later). What they seem to not have were active members willing to serve as Officers. Obviously, no Officers, no degrees, no new members. Apathy, with its' attendant lack of commitment are a threat to any organization. Freemasonry is no exception.

The following was written over 30 years ago in regards to both decreasing number of candidates, and decreasing attendance.

"Actually, we have more to fear from the apathy of the regular membership in the order than from any outside influences. *In the past, Freemasonry has demonstrated its' ability to retain the timelessness of it's message in periods of*

profound change (emphasis mine). Today, it is our duty as Masons to cultivate the interest of the less active members of our fraternity in the affairs of Masonry. Ours is still the world's largest fraternal body. There is no danger of an immediate catastrophic depletion of our ranks. No individual or group seeks our sudden destruction in more than theoretical terms. Therefore, it is obvious our problem today is more internal than external.

Our immediate task therefore is to make Freemasonry more appealing to the Mason. We must impress upon our members the relevancy of our moral philosophy to the times in which we live. We must bring the mere pin wearing and card carrying Mason to a more acute realization of the significance of his obligation to the order and encourage his frequent attendance at our gatherings. If these things can be accomplished, Masonry has no reason to fear the future." This quote is from Sir Knight JJ Humphrey in "Freemasonry Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" in "Masonic America" volume II, 1985.

So what might we as Masons do to accomplish these things? Perhaps we should give more attention to member retention over member recruitment, although I believe the former will always lead to the latter. Why do we find it so hard to invest in our membership? Remember the closed lodges had sizable bank accounts. We must not confuse Lodge financial issues with personal financial issues. No Lodge will ever retire to live on a park bench and eat cans of cat food. A hundred years from now, if our Lodges still exist, our future Brothers will find a way to fix the proverbial "leaking roof". In the measntime, catered first class complimentary meals shared with Lodge Brothers followed by relevant speakers, and regular lodge activities, perhaps subsidized would go a long way to helping member retention and participation. Upgrading the curbside appearance of our buildings would enhance the perception of Freemasonry in our communities. Financial planners advise that 4% or even 7% withdraw from invested funds will never deplete the principle. There is so much we are able to do to grow our Lodges! What holds us back?

We can also help Freemasonry by guarding the west gate from cowens and eavesdroppers. When I first started going on committees of seen thinvestigation I must confess that I felt a little like a salesman who had to return with a "signed contract". I have seen this repeatedly result in a "a ring and a pin, I'm in." members (cowens), or members, disappointed they didn't find a key "DaVinci code " secret (eavesdroppers) rather than Brothers seeking to pursue "wise and serious truths". Neither their names printed on a roll or dues income will supply the Officers needed to grow a successful Lodge. It is also sad for them. I now prefer to emphasize to prospective candidates that Masonry makes good men better in part by borrowing lessons

from the bible, "..the inestimable gift.." If they are not comfortable with that, they are not likely to be comfortable with Freemasonry. We should all make an effort to recruit qualified candidates from friends, family and associates. Moving through the chairs I feel have grown in so many ways that never would have happened if I merely joined and then skipped lodge meetings. Making a good man better happens less by just sitting once through the three degrees but more so through active involvement with the brotherhood. What was written long ago is even more relevant today; candidates should have a clear understanding of their "obligation to the order." Thus both they and the Lodges will grow and prosper.

Fraternally, F Lawrence Vernamonti WM Medford #178

"It is not enough that we do our best; sometimes we must do what is required." Bro. Winston Churchill

"Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company." Bro. George Washington

Calendar of Events



Dates to Remember — December 2021

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
			RSVP's appreciated for all Installations	
Monday	6th	6pm	Officer rehearsal for Installation, close Lodge of Sorrows All officers expected. Pizza at 6, rehearsal, closing at 6:30	Medford Lodge #178 25 Bank St. Medford NJ 08055
Monday	13th	6:00	Annual Meeting, Installation Dinner at 6, Lodge opens at 7 Officers Formal, Brethren Business	Medford Lodge #178 25 Bank St Medford NJ 08055
Sunday	5th	2pm	Maple Shade/Moorestown #281 Open Installation	Maple Shade Moorestown #281 15 N Fellowship Rd Maple Shade
Sunday	12th	10am	Mount Moriah Open Installation	Mt. Moriah Lodge #28 121 Farnsworth Ave. Bordentown
Wednesday	15th	7:15pm	Central #44 Closed Installation	Central Lodge #44 25 Plum St. Vincentown
Thursday	16th	7pm	Burlington #32 Open Installation	Burlington Lodge #32 2308 Mt. Holly Rd Burlington
Friday	17th	7:30pm	Beverly/Riverside #107 Open Installation	Beverly/Riverside #107 621 Chester Ave. Riverside
Monday	20th	7:30pm	Mt. Holly #14	Mt Holly Lodge #14 15 Garden St. Mt. Holly



If you haven't registered and checked your information next, please do so at your earliest opportunity.

Notes from the Worshipful Master

Holiday Greetings to all our brothers!

Hoping that this Trestleboard finds all our brothers and their families well and enjoying a very Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah season!

Talking to other past Masters, particularly those serving during recent restrictions, there is always a little regret over projects not accomplished. I can understand that. Our annual shoots, new skeet shooting event, poker nights, bus trips, outings etc never happened due to closure edicts. But we were able at last to have a very successful Mater Mason Degree program with the NJ Kilties giving a most commanding performance! I am very grateful to our DDGM RW Richard LaBaw and to our DRI RW Steve Martin for their support and guidance.

To many it may look like all the Worshipful has to do is Lodge ritual. There is however so much more to keeping a Lodge open and functioning. Little details that I never could have accomplished with a lot of help from the Lodge. I want to thank my entire officer line for their time and support. Our lodge secretary, WB Dave Carvin and Treasure WB Dan O'Brien made sure we kept in compliance. WB Jeremiah Philips and his lovely wife Emily again hosted our summer family picnic. DB Bud Wells kept our physical plant in top shape. Brother Kip Duffy was always there when asked and often without even being asked as was Bro. George Massey. Brother Hugh Christine has kept track of project completion. WB George Wigginton, WB John Ellor and brother Anthony Cannistraci where always happy to fill in wherever needed. I especially need to thank WB Rick Young. He has spent many, many hours editing my Trestleboards and coaching me on ritual, (no easy task is that!). I am most grateful for his wise advice and counsel.

Our next regular Communication will be Monday December 13th, *complementary* dinner 6:30 meeting 7:30. This will also be the night of our office elections and installation. Remember: Keep clam, stay sane, stay healthy and carry on.

Wishing all my brothers all the best!
Fraternally,
Larry V

Medford Lodge No. 178



December Masonic Birthdays



Brother	Yrs	Brother	Yrs	Brother	Yrs
Oscar A Novoa	4	Peter A Smith	14	Lindsey Cooper	24
Roger A Buck	5	Gregory M Guerina	14	James J Crosby	5
Shawn A Hannah	14	Michael S DiCroce	5	Andrew Reuter	14
Ryan R. Stradling	5				

Good Men Better					
In waiting for the MM Degree	Brother Michael Bratelli				
In Waiting for the Master Mason Exam	Brother Michael Chadwick				
Brother Bharat Mehta					
	Brother Hunter VanSciver				
	Brother Daniel Espenshied				
	Brother Matthew Schneider				
	Brother Paul D. Pierce Sr.				

Officers & Committees



2021 Medford Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master

F Lawrence Vernamonti

Senior Warden

John A Quintana

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Rigil Abellanosa

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Senior / Junior Master of Ceremonies

Joseph "Kip" Duffy Harry Mayer

Senior / Junior Steward

Jay Keesler Stephen Towell

Chaplain

Thomas Beamer

Marshal

Joshua Diamond

Tyler

J. Gary Hicks, PM

Historian

WB J Edward Hunt, PM

Proxy to Grand Lodge

Hugh Christine

Committees

Lodge Trustees

Harry Srolovitz (1)

Joseph F. Alter (2)

RW Jeremiah Phillips (3)

Temple Trustees

WB George Wigginton, PM (1)

WB John Ellor, PM (2)

WB Frederick C. Young Jr., PM (3)

Sickness & Distress

RW Howard I Black, 2nd

WM Larry Vernamonti

Rudy Hatala

Audit Committee By-I

WB Daniel Nemcek

William "Bill" Crozier

Ritual Committee

WB David Carvin, PM

WB Daniel E O'Brien

RW Jeremiah Phillips

Relief Committee

WM F L Vernamonti

By-Laws

WB David Carvin, PM

WB Georrge Wigginton

Hospitality Committee

John Quintana

RW Jeremiah Phillips

Franco Coppola

Stewards

Educator & 1st Responder Scholarship

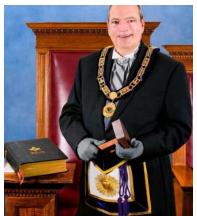
Kip Duffy

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Grand Lodge & District Info

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Lodges of the 19th District

Beverly Riverside #107

Meets 3rd Thursday 621 Chester Avenue, Riverside, NJ 08075

Burlington #32

Meets 2nd Tuesday 2308 Mt Holly Rd, Burlington, NJ 08016

Central #44

Meets 3rd Wednesday
23 Plum Street, Southampton, NJ 08088

Maple Shade Moorestown #281

Meets 3rd Tuesday 15 North Fellowship Road, Maple Shade, NJ 08052

Medford Lodge #178

Meets 2nd Monday 25 Bank Street, Medford, NJ 08055

Mount Holly #14

Meets 3rd Monday 15 Garden Street, Mount Holly, NJ 08060

Mount Moriah #28

Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday's

121 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown, NJ 08505

Past Masters



In Honor of our Living Past Masters

Richard S. Dellmyer	1966 (+)	Peter M. DeStefano	2004
Calvin Walters	1974	William J. Ward, Jr.	2005 (A)
Robert S. Middleton, PGC	1977, 79	Jerry S. Albrecht	2005
Richard A. Godin	1980	A. John Ellor	2006 (D)
Ralph H. Berringer	1980 (D)	Conrad Dombkiewicz	2008
J. Edward Hunt	1981	Joseph W. Keresztury Jr.	1976, 2009 (D)
John F. Hall, PGC, PDGI	1982 (D)	David M. Carvin	2010, 14
Wayne Hartman	1983 (D)	Roy A. Winter, PDRI	2010, 14 (A)
Alfred D. "Gov" Gilmour	1985	Joseph A. Knecht	2014 (D)
Frederick L. Schmidt	1986	Mark K. Crosby	2011 (DMT)
Howard I. Black 3 rd , PGMar	1987	Edwin A. Michaloski	2012
David B. Stoneback	1989	Daniel L. Nemcek	2013
Richard B. Lechner	1990	Russell A. Bauer, PGC	2015
Owen D. Brennan, PGSB	1990 (+)	Robert Shestack	2016 (D)
Howard I. Black 2 nd , PJGS	1991	Jeremiah H. Phillips, PJGD	2016
William B. Watson	1995	Jonathan Murray	2017
Dennis J. Coloski	1996	Daniel O'Brien	2018
Charles F. Markelwith	1996 (D)	Frederick C. Young Jr.	2019
Allan D. Kline	1997	F Lawrence Vernamonti	2020, 21
John T. Kubit	1998		
Richard D. Dolbec	1999 (EXP)		
Borys I. Umyn	2000		
George J. Wigginton Jr	2001		
Stephen C. Sweeney	2002		
RŴ Ray Taylor PGC	2003 (D)		

(+) = Affiliated (DMT) = Demitted (D) = Dual (S) = Suspended (EXP) = Expelled

In Memoriam — 2021

DB Robert D Hanold Sr. January 12th, 2021

James E Roughgarden May 31st, 2020

Tom Kosdemba February 12th, 2021

Robert C Narozanick Sr February 19th 2021 Ron Gervasoni PM February 22nd 2021 John Moran April 23rd 2021







In Memoriam Our Deceased Past Masters



Frank A. Braddock	1903	Dean W. Cramer (+)	1958
Samuel A. Garwood	1904	Gordon L. Beeler	1959
William D. Cowperthwaite	1904,40	Herbert M. Hays	1960
J. Maurice Garwood	1905,06	George D. Richer Jr.	1961
Harry Brick	1907,37-38	Fred A Sharkey III	1965
Alfred E. Darnell	1909, 10	David C. Morton	1966
Carlton J. Garwood	1911	Richard S. Dellmyer (+)	1966
Charles J. Hollingshead	1912	George W. Beisley	1967,68
Wilber F. Branin	1913	William L. Springman	1969
C. Edgar Haines	1914	Arnold Earle (+)	1969
Albert F. Kirby	1915	Benjamin J. Amadio	1970
Isaac E. Ballinger	1916	Thomas J. Fitzgerald (+)	1970
E.P. Warner	1917	Oscar Cahall	1971
S. Thakara Haines	1918	Carl P. Rehor	1972
Fred W. Branin	1919	William H. Moffet (+)	1972
Charles H. Griscom	1920	John D. Cooper	1973
Henry S. Lippincott	1921	Richard B. Snavely (+)	1974
Eckard J. Ballinger	1922	Ernest L. Seth	1975
Clinton H. Cowperthwaite PSGS	1924,47	Frederick Beals III (DMT)	1976
Charles F. Clymer	1925	Frederick D. Domako (D)	1977
George M. Hiles	1926	C. William Cornellson	1978
Francis Mickle	1927	Wilhelm Launhardt	1980
William C. Griscom	1928,39	Paul D. Gerlanger PDDGM (+)	1981
Lawrence G. Mingin	1929	Russell C.S. Williams	1982
Garfield Alloway	1930	Orrin Dillabough (D)	1982
Harvey Hiles	1931	Joseph W. Siatkowski	1983
Karl J. Bingemann	1932	V. James Minerva	1984
Charles H. Leeds	1933	Edwin E. Wood III PGM	1988
Ralph E. Curry	1934	Frederick H. Tillwick	1992
Fred R. Boyd	1935	Ronald L. Hodge	1993
Robert N. Henderson	1936	Ronald Gervasoni (S)	1994
Edwin M. Johnson	1941,44	William E. Stockum	2003
George W. Otto (+)	1941	Robert E. Seufert (+)	2003
George Korradi (+)	1942	Jerry S. Albrecht	2005
Harry T. McNeill	1945,46	Thomas Wright II PJGD	2007
Edwin Holzschuher	1948	THE THE PARTY OF T	
Joseph E. Bealer Jr	1949		
E. Lester Small	1950,51		
Harold S. Farrow	1952		
Charles N. Parker	1953		1
Norman R. DeLong	1954		1
Henry Emenecker Sr. PGC	1955,64		
A. Robert Merrion	1956		1
Jerald Carey	1957,63		1
Harold E. Easlick PGC	1958,62		1
Kenneth G. Rexon (D)	1958,80		1
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Demolay & Rainbow



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New Jersey Rainbow



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For more information on these organizations for your son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew or neighbor, please call or email me.

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The Masonic Kilties of New Jersey

Cordially invites you to our annual

Robert Burns Dinner Dance



Saturday, January 22nd, 2022

\$75pp, 4 Hour Open Bar, 6:30 - 10:30 pm

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Most Worshipful Robert V. Monacelli

The Grand Master of Masons for The State of New Jersey will be in attendance.

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THE MASONIC KILTIES OF NEW JERSEY

and

The Grand Master of Masons for New Jersey

for our annual

ROBERT BURNS NIGHT DINNER DANCE

PLACE: The Hanover Manor, 16 Eagle Rock Avenue, East Hanover, NJ

TIME: Saturday, January 22nd, 2022, at 6:30 PM to 11:30 PM

ACTIVITIES:

Open Bar, Hors D'Oeuvres, Dancing to Outstanding Music by "The Late Show", the Usual Festive Toasts and Responses, Address to the Haggis and an Outstanding Meal with a choice of Top Sirloin of Beef (TSB), Chicken Français (CF), or Broiled Salmon (BS). Great Fellowship!

DRESS CODE:

The suggested attire for the evening is Highland Dress, Tuxedo or dark suit for the gentlemen; and formal or semi-formal dress for the ladies. As always it is hoped that you will wear something Tartan (a tie, a sash, a ribbon, or whatever tickles your fancy).

COST:

\$75.00 per person. Please make your check payable to "The Masonic Kilties of New Jersey" Reservations are required for all who attend. We request that reservation forms with checks be returned by Friday, December 31st, 2022. This will help alleviate wait times at the check in table! Don't delay and miss the fun!

PLEASE NOTE! AD BOOK CONTRACT & PAYMENTS GO TO JAMES MATEAR 4 RIVERSIDE GDNS, HACKETTSTOWN, NJ 07840

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Arrangements can be made for tables of 8 to 11. Indicate special seating you require with your reservation.

Please Mail reservations and payment to Cressida Associates, 163 Terrace St., Haworth, NJ 07641, c/o Masonic Kilties of New Jersey

RSVP by Friday, December 31st, 2022.

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The Masonic Kilties of New Jersey

ROBERT BURNS NIGHT AD JOURNAL (DEADLINE: JANUARY 1st, 2022)

Brethren and friends of the Masonic Kilties of New Jersey at our Annual Robert Burns Dinner Dance, Saturday January 22nd, 2022, we will again honor the memory of a great poet and Brother. Our Dinner Dance is the most widely attended event on our calendar and is open to Masons and non-Masons alike. The proceeds support the various charities of the Masonic Kilties. To this end we are publishing an Ad Journal. We hope you can support this Robert Burns Night and the charities of the Masonic Kilties. Thank you for your continued support!

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